

Bill #494 – PH 3-31-14

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My name is Jessica Niederwerfer and I am currently in the Hartford Court system with Guardian Ad Litem assigned to our case. I have tried to have her removed with no luck the judge has denied it. Guardian Ad Litem's must be held accountable for their actions. They need to stop dragging cases on for more money, especially when they are not funded through the state but the parents paying out of our own pockets. I have been financially drained with an eviction that even happened. The GAL do not allow you to see whatever therapist you choose it has to be one approved by them, why so that they can have an influence over the therapist recommendations. I am 6 months into my case with no movement, we are still standing at the same point we were when this all started. I have asked several times for a resolution we have status conference after status conference to check in, to which I do not understand why; they keep ordering more and more things to be done. I am accused of things that they have no proof to but they just know as the GAL has stated. The GAL has falsely accused me of Parental Alienation and I have no hopes of proving otherwise, the judge on the case I feel does not listen to anything I say or have done. I am afraid to speak out publicly for fear of them keeping my daughter forever. I have to walk on egg shells and I know my rights are being violated but what am I to do for fear of losing my daughter forever. I have tried to get a lawyer for my daughter the judge and the GAL denied my request and I have never been given a valid reason why. In my opinion it is because they will find that the GAL has dragged this case on for no "valid" reason. I have a status conference on Wednesday and there still will be no resolution. I would like my daughter back, they have completely cut her off from me, her brother and my entire family with no real reason as to why she cannot see any of them or talk to them. My daughter misses her brother and I tremendously. Her grades have fallen a little; she has gotten in trouble at school. She is reaching out in ways that everyone is ignoring and not paying attention that this little girl is suffering and the long term effects are going to be departmental to her in the future. The GAL sat on the stand and even said I am a good mother her character is not in judgment just she "warped" her daughter to hate her father. The GAL has not listened to any of mine, my daughter or my son's concerns and reasoning as to why my daughter had not wanted to be with her father. I know I could

have done a lot of things differently to help my daughter in regards to her father; I had not but is that punishment to take her from me completely. I think the GAL's must be held accountable for their actions, a cap on how much they can charge and how long they can drag a case on with no valid reason other than to make money. I have tried to reach out to the governor, state senator, CT children advocacy, legal aid you name it and NO ONE can help me in regards to being railroaded by the GAL. I was accused of parental alienation, but to me it seems by keeping my daughter from everyone in my family and her own brother seems to be alienation to me and I cannot get any help. I had to let my lawyer go for the money issue, and when my lawyer first represented me she walked out of the court room and said in 15 years of practicing I have never seen such crap in my life, in regards to the GAL, Judge and my daughter's father Attorney all being in Kahoots with one another. This has to be stopped!

Thank You

Jessica